



## **Reform 2020: Housing Stability Services Demonstration**

### **Issue:**

- Adults with low incomes and chronic health conditions who lack stable housing often experience gaps in services that result in frequent use of high-cost medical services.

### **Proposal:**

Under a Medicaid waiver submitted for federal approval, these adults would receive coordination of services across multiple systems, tenancy supports and community living assistance. The governor's budget proposal has two targets:

- Adults who receive General Assistance who are disabled or are advanced in age and are homeless
- Adults who are eligible for Group Residential Housing and live in registered housing with services developed specifically as part of the state plan to end homelessness, or are in a specific supportive housing demonstration project for homeless adults with mental illness, and have a history of substance abuse or HIV or AIDS.

### **Impact:**

- It is expected that this proposal will increase access to necessary and appropriate levels of health and community living supports, improve housing stability, reduce costly emergency medical services and improve consistency of care.

### **Number of people affected:**

- 3,000 people in both target groups combined, per month

### **Fiscal impact:**

If the Medicaid waiver is approved, all of the supplementary costs currently covered by the Group Residential Housing (GRH) program for the target group will be covered by Medical Assistance at a 50 percent federal match rate, resulting in savings to the state-funded GRH program.

- FY 2014: \$458,000 savings
- FY 2015: \$3.22 million savings
- FY 2016: \$3.80 million savings
- FY 2017: \$4.82 million savings

### **Related information:**

- Minnesota Management & Budget website: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us>
- Group Residential Housing fact sheet: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfservlet/Public/DHS-5667-ENG>
- DHS Web page on General Assistance: [http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/id\\_002558](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/id_002558)

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